

Amendments to the Specification:

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INTERMEDIATE SHAFT WITH LOW SLIDING LOAD FOR THE STEERING COLUMN
OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENT: